

Can I put _____ in Richfield's organics recycling containers?

Accepted	Not Accepted
Baked goods	Air Filters (furnace, humidifier, etc.)
Bamboo foodservice items	Animal waste, bedding, litter and droppings
Beans (cooked or dry)	Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chimney)
Berry cartons (paper only)	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)
Bones	Baby, personal, and flushable moist wipes
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Bags of any kind (unless paper or BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Cellulose sponges	Band-Aids™, bandages, and first-aid items
Cereal	Biodegradable labeled items without certification
Certified compostable bags (must be BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Candles and candle wax
Certified compostable foodservice items, including plates, utensils, bowls, and cups (must be BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)
Cheese and cheesecloth	Charcoal (contains chemicals for easy lighting = garbage. If you're unsure throw it away.)
Chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)	Cigarettes, cigars, and butts
Coffee cups (when BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable. Most convenience store, Starbucks, Caribou cups go in the trash.)	Cleaning products (including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with cleaning products or chemicals)
Coffee grounds and paper filters (K-cups or other pods are trash. Empty the grounds from the pods into the organics.)	Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
Cork (natural only, plastic corks are trash)	Condoms and related products
Corn cobs, husks, and shuckings	Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.)
Cotton balls (100% cotton and without chemicals/nail polish on them)	Containers (plastic, glass, metal, cartons)
Dough	Cosmetics and perfumes
Dust bunnies	Crayons and chalk
Egg cartons (paper only)	Dead animals
Eggs and egg shells	Dental floss (contains plastic)
Fish and fish parts	Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets, and tablets)
Flower bouquets (remove any ribbon and/or plastic)	Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim, and covers)
Food – ALL, including: spoiled, moldy, frozen, dairy, fruits and vegetables (except Black Walnut shells), herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.	Dryer lint and dryer sheets (contains synthetic fibers)
Fruit, peels, seeds, and pits (except Black Walnut shells)	Dusting wipes (contains synthetic fibers)
Frozen foods (remove from bag)	Fast food wrappers/packaging (contains plastic lining)
Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)	Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators - paper or plastic)
Grains	Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
Gravy	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
Hair - human and pet	Gauze and bandages
Herbs and spices	Grass clippings (leave on lawn)
Jam and jelly	Grease or oil

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Indoor plants and trimmings	Gum (contains plastic)
Meat and meat products (including fat and bones, raw or cooked)	Ice cream tubs (paper or plastic - both are plastic lined)
Melons, pumpkins, and gourds	Incontinence products
Nail clippings	Laminated paper
Napkins (no chemicals or cleaners on them)	Latex (balloons and gloves)
Newspaper wet with food or dirt (recycle if clean and dry)	Leaves (leave on lawn)
Nuts and nut shells (except Black Walnut shells)	Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
Oatmeal	Microwave popcorn bags (contains plastic lining)
Oysters, mussels clams (shells and all)	Packing peanuts (foam or "degradable")
Paper bags (recycle if clean. Includes flour, sugar, cornmeal, and brown paper bags - aren't plastic lined)	Paper not certified compostable (e.g. coffee cups, take-out containers, plates, bowls)
Paper plates, bowls, and cups (uncoated and only when BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Parchment and wax paper (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Paper towel rolls	Pet food bags (contains plastic or foil lining)
Paper towels (without chemicals or cleaners)	Plastic utensils (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Pencils and pencil shavings (no metal, foil or erasers)	Refrigerated or frozen food boxes (contains plastic)
Pits from fruits and vegetables	Remodeling debris
Pizza boxes (delivery only; recycle if not very greasy or cheesy. Freezer pizza boxes are trash)	Rocks and gravel
PLA plastic (only if BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Rubber and rubber bands
Popcorn kernels	Shredded paper (twincitiesonthecheap.com/your-guide-to-free-paper-shredding-in-the-twin-cities/)
Popsicle sticks (wood only)	Snack and sandwich bags (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Q-tips™ (paper middle only. If plastic, then trash.)	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Soup (strain liquids down drain first)	Soil and dirt
Spices (fresh or dried)	Star Tribune "oxo-degradable" bags
Tea bags (tea bag packaging must be paper only, no plastic or foil lining, remove staples)	Stickers, including fruit stickers
Tissues and tissue paper	Street sweepings (contains salt and chemicals)
Toilet paper rolls	Styrofoam (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts)
Toothpicks (wood only)	Tape (transparent, electrical, duct, packing, etc.)
	Textiles
<i>Look for one of these logos to verify if a product is certified compostable or visit: www.BPIworld.org</i>	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust)
 	Vacuum cleaner bags
	Wax & wax paper (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
	Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps)
<i>*adapted for Richfield from Dakota County's list*</i>	Wood scraps
<i>Please call (612) 861-9188 with any questions!</i>	Wrapping Paper
<i>When in doubt, throw it out.</i>	Yard waste of any kind